

Student panel update

Board's primary role in relation to this paper:

- A. Set strategy
- B. Set risk appetite
- C. Oversee performance
- D. Understand context

Purpose

1. To update the board on the work of the student panel.

Decisions requested

2. The board is invited to note:
 - a. The updates in this paper.
 - b. The minutes from the June student panel meeting at Annex A before they are published on the OfS website.

Update

3. The last meeting of the academic year took place on 29 June 2023, where the panel discussed:
 - a. The Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) student submissions
 - b. Developing the Office for Student's approach to gathering further insights from students
 - c. The Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023
 - d. Panel engagement with ministers.
4. The minutes of the meeting are included with this paper.

5. Additional activities which the panel have been involved in since the last student panel update paper (March 2023) include:
 - a. Participating in a roundtable discussion on NSS data and its dissemination for quality assurance, enhancement and regulatory purposes
 - b. Attending the Parliamentary Reception which marked the launch of the Office for Students' new strategy for 2022 – 25.
 - c. Writing a Blog for the OfS website on the harassment and sexual misconduct consultation.
 - d. Participating in a follow up discussion on the harassment and sexual misconduct consultation.
 - e. In July, four panel members stepped down as their two-year appointment came to an end. The panel members who stepped down were:
 - Amy Stanning
 - Ezra Rose
 - Lila Tamea
 - Rahul Mathasing
6. The remaining eight members of the student panel have been asked if they would like to continue their appointment for a second year.
7. The provisional dates for future student panel meetings are listed below. These dates may be subject to change due to the availability of panel members.
 - a. Thursday 2 November 2023
 - b. Thursday 18 January 2024
 - c. Thursday 21 March 2024
 - d. Thursday 20 June 2024